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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF OPIC PROGRAM

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1. AMBASSADOR INFORMED MAURICE ABELA, SECRETARY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, ON SEPTEMBER 20 OF OPIC DECISION TO REINSTATE ITS INSURANCE AND FINANCE PROGRAMS FOR MALTA. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN OBTAINING OPIC APPROVAL BECAUSE OF WESTINGHOUSE CONTRACT CLAIM, WHILE EXPRESSING USG CONFIDENCE THAT WESTINGHOUSE CASE WOULD RECEIVE EQUITABLE TREATMENT IN MALTESE COURTS.

2. ABELA THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF OPIC DECISION, AND SAID HE HOPED MOTOROLA INVESTMENT PLANS COULD NOW BE COMPLETED WITHOUT FURTHER DIFFICULTY. IN SUBSEQUENT TELCON WITH EMBOFF, ABELA REPEATED GOM'S EXTREME PLEASURE WITH DECISION AND EMPHASIZED STRONG GOM DESIRE FOR INCREASED PRIVATE INVESTMENT BY U.S. FIRMS OF THE MOTOROLA TYPE WHICH WOULD BENEFIT MALTA'S ECONOMY.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT ABELA WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF

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OF MINTOFF, AND THAT BOTH OPIC PROGRAM AND MOTOROLA PLANS ARE

OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MINTOFF PERSONALLY. SMITH

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